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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Hank Worsech, License Bureau Chief for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here as an informational witness for HB 383.

In the past three years, FWP has issued eight youths free terminally ill youth licenses. During the same time, FWP has denied approximately the same number of applications due to failure to meet the age or terminal ill requirements.

Out of empathy for the family and the young hunter, FWP refers to the free terminally ill license as an "Exceptional Youth" license. Nowhere on the license the youth receives is there any reference to "Terminally Ill."

Currently all of FWP youth combination licenses refer to youth as under 18 years of age, with the exception of the free terminally ill licenses, which states under 17 years of age. HB 383 will correct this inconsistency.

Thank you.